

In the Claims:

Amend Claim 1 to read as follows:

Sub 1 --1 (Amended). A system for facilitating aggregate purchasing, the system comprising:

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- (a) a database server system being for maintaining at least one purchasers group, said at least one purchasers group being characterized by a predefined product designation and conditions for purchasing a product in accordance with said designation, said conditions including a first price and a quantity, said database server system being configured to interface sellers to said group such as to enable tendering by at least one seller of at least said quantity to said group, thereby to enable individual purchasers to benefit from aggregated buying power; and
 - (b) a plurality of user clients, being at a disposal of a plurality of users and being capable of communicating with said database server system, each of said plurality of user clients being for enabling a respective user thereof to join said at least one purchasers group, such that a user of a respective one of said plurality of user clients is entitled to purchase said designated product under said conditions for purchasing said designated product upon joining said at least one purchasers group. --

Amend Claim 3 to read as follows:

ad --3 (Amended). The system of claim 1, wherein said at least one purchasers group is established by an operator of said database server system. --

Amend Claim 5 to read as follows:

ast --5 (Amended). The system of claim 1, configured such that said plurality of user clients communicate with said database server system via a communication mode

selected from the group consisting of dialup communication and local area network communication. --

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[Amend Claim 6 to read as follows:]

--6 (Amended). The system of claim 1, wherein said at least one purchasers group is maintained by said database server system for a predetermined period of time. --

[Amend Claim 7 to read as follows:]

--7 (Amended). The system of claim 6, wherein said user can join said at least one purchasers group only during a second period of time expiring prior to said predetermined period of time. --

[Amend Claim 8 to read as follows:]

--8 (Amended). The system of claim 6, wherein a user is entitled to purchase said designated product following termination of said second time period. --

[Amend Claim 9 to read as follows:]

--9 (Amended). The system of claim 6, wherein said conditions for purchasing said designated product are determined as a function of the number of members within said at least one purchasers group at the termination of said second time period. --

[Amend Claim 10 to read as follows:]

--10 (Amended). The system of claim 1, wherein said database server system stores and provides on demand to each of said user clients information pertaining to said at least one purchasers group. --

Amend Claim 11 to read as follows:

--11 (Amended). The system of claim 10, wherein information pertaining to said at least one purchasers group includes information on said designated product and to said conditions for purchasing said designated product. --

Amend Claim 12 to read as follows:

--12 (Amended). The system of claim 10, wherein information pertaining to said at least one purchasers group includes information on a number of members of said at least one purchasers group. --

Amend Claim 13 to read as follows:

--13 (Amended). The system of claim 12, wherein information pertaining to said at least one purchasers group includes information on each member of said members of said at least one purchasers group. --

Amend Claim 14 to read as follows:

--14 (Amended). The system of claim 1, wherein said conditions for purchasing said designated product include said first price of said designated products, an updated price following said tendering if any and terms of payment. --

Amend Claim 20 to read as follows:

--20 (Amended). The system of claim 1, wherein each of said user clients is a computer operating a dedicated software program. --

Amend Claim 36 to read as follows:

--36 (Amended). The system of claim 3, wherein said at least one purchasers group is maintained by said database server system for a predetermined period of time. --

[Amend Claim 37 to read as follows:]

--37 (Amended). The system of claim 36, wherein said user of said plurality of users can join said at least one purchasers group only during a second time period expiring prior to said predetermined period of time. --

[Amend Claim 38 to read as follows:]

--38 (Amended). The system of claim 36, wherein said user of said plurality of users is entitled to purchase said designated product following termination of said second time period. --

Amend Claim 40 to read as follows:

--40 (Amended). The system of claim 3, wherein said database server system stores and provides on demand information pertaining to said at least one purchasers group. --

[Amend Claim 41 to read as follows:]

--41 (Amended). The system of claim 40, wherein information pertaining to said at least one purchasers group includes information on said designated product and to said conditions for purchasing said designated product. --

[Amend Claim 42 to read as follows:]

--42 (Amended). The system of claim 40, wherein information pertaining to said at least one purchasers group includes information on a number of members of said at least one purchasers group at any given time point. --

[Amend Claim 43 to read as follows:]

--43 (Amended). The system of claim 42, wherein information pertaining to said at least one purchasers group includes information on each member of said members of said at least one purchasers group. --

Amend Claim 44 to read as follows:

--44 (Amended). The system of claim 3, wherein said conditions for purchasing said designated product include a maximum price of said designated products, a reduced price following tendering if any, and terms of payment. --

New Claims 91 – 97 have been added as follows:

91. (NEW) The system of claim 1, wherein said tendering is carried out in advance of setting up said purchasing group by issuing a schedule of prices for given quantity ranges.

92. (NEW) The system of claim 1, wherein said tendering is carried out at a predetermined time, provided said minimum quantity has been reached.

93. (NEW) The system of claim 1, wherein said tendering is carried out in advance of setting up said purchasing group by accepting for said group a seller offering a minimum price for said purchasing number.

94. (NEW) The system of claim 3, wherein said tendering is carried out in advance of setting up said purchasing group by issuing a schedule of prices for given quantity ranges.

95. (NEW) The system of claim 3, wherein said tendering is carried out at a predetermined time, provided said minimum purchasing number has been reached.

96. (NEW) The system of claim 3, wherein said tendering is carried out in advance of setting up said purchasing group by accepting for said group a seller offering a minimum price for said purchasing number.

97. (NEW) A system for facilitating aggregate purchasing, the system comprising a server, the server comprising:

a database configured to maintain at least one purchasers group, said at least one purchasers group being characterized by a predefined product

designated and conditions for purchasing said designated product, said conditions including a first price and a minimum purchase quantity, and an interface for interactively interfacing purchasers and sellers to said database, said database server system being configured, with said interface, to interface sellers to said group such as to enable tendering by at least one seller of at least said quantity to said group, thereby to enable individual purchasers to benefit from aggregated buying power.

98. (NEW) The system of claim 97, wherein said tendering is carried out in advance of setting up said purchasing group by issuing a schedule of prices for given quantity ranges.

99. (NEW) The system of claim 97, wherein said tendering is carried out at a predetermined time, provided said minimum purchasing number has been reached.

100. (NEW) The system of claim 97, wherein said tendering is carried out in advance of setting up said purchasing group by accepting for said group a seller offering a minimum price for said purchasing number.

101. (NEW) The system of claim 47, wherein said specification comprises a plurality of alternate products.

102. (NEW) The system of claim 3, wherein said product designation is an aggregation of products.

103. (NEW) The system of claim 1, wherein said quantity is at least two.